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To the Co-Chairs and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Transportation Committee

RE: Bill HB 5290 AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS:

I own a long term vehicle leasing company in Connecticut. There are many exposures one faces in this business of placing vehicles in the hands of others.

One potential exposure for me here in Connecticut is a situation where my lease customer(lessee) disappears or is incarcerated and the vehicle that he was driving (that I own) is towed. Under current statute, the towing company/vehicle storage yard operator has the information from the vehicle V.I.N. to find out that there is a third party owner who would want to recover the vehicle and can contact me, but is under no obligation to do so.

While I do not know the whereabouts of my vehicle but would recover it if I did, the storage yard operator can continue to accrue storage charges on this vehicle. **Every month that the vehicle is sitting in his lot it would cost me in the neighborhood of \$500** until I somehow learn where the vehicle is. But, there are many circumstances where I would have no way of obtaining this information. If I have no way to contact my lease customer I probably would not know what police department ordered the vehicle to be towed. There is no information at all to try to track the vehicle and that is why the communication from the tow company or vehicle storage yard that would be required by this legislation is so critical here.

RE: Bill HB5292 AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

As a vehicle lessor here in Connecticut, I own a fleet of vehicles that is leased to a number of different companies across the state. Every 2 years (and in some cases 1 year) I receive a registration renewal application in the mail on each vehicle I own.

Under the current procedure, I can renew the registration on line, detach the registration certificate and send it to my lease customer(lessee). It is simple and straightforward and I applaud the DMV for changing to this procedure several years ago. If we went back to expiration stickers, I would imagine that the stickers wouldn't be issued until the registration was processed which would mean another step for DMV (including mailing) and another step for my office on each renewal. I think bringing back stickers when there is scanning technology available to check for expired registrations is not the best use of DMV resources.

Sincerely Yours,

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